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The ability to freely cast a ballot and vote is fundamental to a healthy civic life, and registering to vote is a prerequisite to exercise that right. Yet in 2008, six million Americans did not vote because they missed a registration deadline or did not know how to register. Here in the County of Los Angeles alone, there are nearly three million eligible, voting-age citizens who nevertheless have not registered to vote.

National Voter Registration Day – which the State of California has recognized today, September 25, 2012 - is a special event that seeks to encourage eligible citizens through nonpartisan community activities to register to vote and exercise their democratic franchise and participate in the decisions that choose their representation and shape the policies of their government.

A healthy and vibrant democracy depends on the greatest possible political participation, and this worthy effort deserves our full support.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 25, 2012, as National Voter Registration Day in Los Angeles County, and encourages all eligible citizens to register to vote, and further, directs all County Departments to work with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in helping to promote access to voter registration in observance of National Voter Registration Day.

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